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Gossage, George John

A West Australian railway employee killed while on military service for their country



Memorial at Railway Workshops Midland (D.Graham/panoramio)

Rail employment information

Employer: Western Australian Government Railways

Branch: Workshops

Designation: Labourer

Rail employment notes: Born 12/4/1915. (WAGR records give his birth date as 12/4/1913 however this appears to be an error, his mother recorded 12/4/1915 which agrees with BDM index). Joined WAGR 24/10/1938 aged 25 as Labourer, CME Branch, Midland Workshops. Enlisted in AIF 24/10/1940. Killed in action 12/2/1942.

Military service information:

Conflict: Second World War 1939-1945

Service: Australian Army

Military unit: 2/4th Machine gun Battalion

Service number: WX9062

Date of death: 12 February 1942

Place of death: Malaya

Rank at time of loss: Private

Burial/commemoration: Buried where killed in Malaya. Officially memorialised in Kranji

Memorialised: Listed on Peace Monument at former Railway Workshops, Midland, Western Australia. Also Kranji War Cemetery, Kranji, Singapore.

Enlisted 25/10/1940.

Additional/personal information:

Born 12/4/1915. AWM records give his birthplace as Kalgoorlie, his age as 26 when killed, and say that he lived with his parents in East Perth when he enlisted.

Further information and/or photos may be added as available. Information may also be found on the Australian War Memorial website: *https://www.awm.gov.au/advanced-search/people*

Abbreviations: WAGR= Western Australian Government Railways (& Tramways at some periods); MRWA= Midland Railway of Western Australia; BDM=Western Australian Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages website; AWM=Australian War Memorial (Canberra and website); CWGC= Commonwealth War Graves Commission (including website). DVA=Department of Veterans' Affairs (including website)

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